



Global Leadership Encounter

23 June 2020 Day 7

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EDWIN

Worship

Let's share words of praise and worship to the Lord in all our languages. Following for Jesus is for everyone. Not a function of any nation, cultural, or political or economic ascendancy. Christianity has a place in history but it's not the end of the story. This thing called Christianity belongs to every nation and people. No one can claim the core of what it is. Here in Africa we repossess the core of what it means to us. Because this Jesus has made us not re-made Europeans or westerners but renewed Africans. So this morning we can worship him in all the languages of our nation. That is the beautiful thing we are experiencing this morning. Brothers and sisters this is what makes Christianity so unique. It belongs to everyone. Jesus in his wisdom made sure that he divested in His own language and culture, so we don't worship him in his language, Aramaic but we can worship him in our own tongue. So Jesus we thank you for this amazing privilege – you belong to every nation, tribe and people. Imagine Revelation 7:9 – for eternity we are going to be worshiping Jesus from every tribe, language and people. This is the heart of Nations to Nations. And God has called us to host this because we believe God is shifting things on the earth. We are blessed to be able to lead this.

I invite Sam and Jennifer Durant(sp)?. Sam lead YWAM work in India for many years. Jennifer is from Malaysia where they are now based. They are also elders. And they are going to share a devotional with us. After that we will have Mary Kamanzi who has been working with the president of Rwanda groups to create a strategy for transformation of that nation.

SAM

From Luke 9:1-6, "And getting the twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all evil spirits and over diseases, to make them well... And they went away, journeying through all towns, preaching the good news and making people free from diseases in all places."

There are three things Jesus was bringing to their attention. These twelve were not apostles yet, they were emerging leaders. He gave them an opportunity to experience three things:

The first two we in YWAM have done well, the last one – we can still grow in:

- 1) He empowered them to heal the sick and cast out demons.
- 2) To live by faith.
- 3) When you get rejected when you leave the town dust your feet.

I've heard a message about this, about judgment (that the people of this town would be like Sodom and Gomorrah). But why did Jesus say this? The dust is the memory of rejection. When we take the memory of rejection home, it has a different effect on us.



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How do we overcome the spirit of rejection? Rejection has many consequences in our lives. The main one being to disable us from entering into our full potential and destiny.

Where does rejection come from?

- 1) At conception – maybe you were unwanted, the wrong gender or born out of wedlock.
- 2) Family rejection – John 1:11 – “He came to his own and they received him not.”
- 3) Favoritism
- 4) Sibling comparison
- 5) From authority figures/leaders
- 6) Self-rejection

The expressions of rejection:

- 1) Insecurity – the moment the dust of rejection settles on us, it can lead to insecurity, which can breed jealousy and envy. That is a place that God didn't create for us to be in. He knew the disciples would have a problems with this so they were (and we are) told to dust it off.
- 2) Striving for acceptance – we all go through this at one time or another. However some people stay there. We have to allow God to free us – not to carry that dust into our family, neighborhood, city or nation.
- 3) Introversion – sometimes this is good, but if you stay there you go into a spiral downwards.
- 4) Withdrawal – we find flimsy excuses not to go to a meeting because someone smarter than us/better than us is there
 - What do you do when you see someone smarter, more knowledgeable or wiser than you in your team? How do you feel? How do you relate with that? If you have the spirit of rejection you will feel insecure. But in reality God has given you that person as a gift to realize the fruition of your vision.

Rejection has many encompassing consequences:

- 1) Comparison – positive/negative
- 2) A Critical Spirit
- 3) Self-boasting – can lead to addiction to success. God is moving us from success to significance. We must stop being addicted to success and grow to significance. You have heard of many people with big ministries, and as they show up in your bases you give them honor as men of God. But what about the Joe Blogg Ywamer working (with maybe 2 people) on one person. Working so hard and not giving up? When we look at the people with bigger ministries we think they deserve more honor, but in scripture we read that we all receive the same thing. God says both are valuable and have equal value in Him. So don't bring yourself down



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- 4) We become super sensitive/intimidated
- 5) We don't speak up/shut our voice down

How do we overcome rejection?

- 1) Know that You are a child of God if you have received Jesus – John 1:12.
 - a. Even before the foundations of the earth were made, He knew you by name and called you by name. You are just statistic for me, but He knows your name. He created us with a passionate love. He fearfully and wonderfully crafted you in your mother's womb. Such is His love. And He says you are my son and you are my daughter. That is our God. We need to know who we are: sons and daughters of God
- 2) Have a revelatory experience of what it means to be a child of God
 - ☐ I want to give you a small assignment. Read Psalm 139 for one month and ask: Who does God say you are? As you read Psalm 139 and you will understand who you are. We need to know this as leaders. Then we can gain God confidence (not self-confidence). God confidence comes from understanding who we are.
 - ☐ When the dust brings remembrance of hurt and these memories cause us to hurt others, we can get into a guilt trip and bring ourselves down/whip ourselves. Dust off the memories because they should not come into your home – wash them off. Guilt trips can actually make us believe lies about ourselves. That is why we need to know what God says about who we are.
- 4) Shake it off.
 - ☐ Many years ago I went to an event at the university my son was studying at and there was a song playing – a secular song which I found interesting. Players will play, play, play – (*Shake it Off by Taylor Swift). People are going break, lie, and play – shake it off. Shake off the rejection you feel from people.
 - ☐ Let's look at the word and see how many people were rejected and were used by God. In Matthew we see the genealogy of Jesus. Look where it says Jacob begat Judah – the son of his rejected first wife. The stone that the masonry rejected became the cornerstone. Joseph, who was rejected by his brothers became the one to provide for his family and nations. Mary was initially rejected by Joseph and went on to become the mother of the Savior.

We are children of god, favored sons and daughters. May you shake off the rejection and be able to walk in godly faith, confidence and endurance no matter what people say.

JENNIFER

I just want to share from Psalm 32:8. But before that I also had a picture and had this sense that there are many people listening this morning who are praying and asking God about the Muslim world. I sense that God is confirming the call to the Muslim world. It isn't going to be easy but He is saying yes and to obey Him.



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Psalm 32:8-9 – “I will advise you and lead you forth with my eyes as your guide.” Don’t be difficult, don’t be stubborn where I take you where you have not been before. Just come with me.

I just want us to ask the Lord during this time as we are waiting on Him. Are there places of stubbornness in our hearts that are hindering us from direction and ministry that God wants to open up for us? Are there are places we are clinging to that we have to surrender (that are so precious to us)? He is asking you to let go of that stubbornness so that His grace can carry you to the next phase of fruition and growth. It could be a relationship or family. Something very precious to you. God is calling you again, recommissioning you to lay down your rights, deny yourself and sacrifice. **There is another level of spiritual authority that the Father wants to release to us, but there is a cost, a dying a sacrifice.** He wants for the Elishas to rise up. The things which do not please God will be rooted out. If there are people to be forgiven or things to be made right do it. It doesn’t take a lot for the Spirit of God to shake us and transform us. **The face of YWAM is going to change not because of our external world but the internal change and the fear of the Lord travelling into us.** Do not neglect the things the Spirit of God is speaking into your heart right now. He is a Loving Father and wants our lives to be fruitful, to multiply us from who we are within us not by our works. Lord move in our spirit and work in our lives. Work deep in our lives so the fruit will have a lasting impact for generations to come in YWAM. Amen.

SAM

Thank you for the honor you’ve given us to be with you this morning.

EDWIN

Wow what a start to the morning. Thank you Sam and Jennifer. I remember a word Jennifer shared with me at YWAM in Thailand which really impacted me. As you prayed and prophetically spoke over us I believe there was a huge impartation we received. Thank you so much we appreciate you and the future partnership in this global leadership journey.

This morning we will continue and have a break after Mary has shared with us. I just want to introduce her. She has pioneered work in Rwanda. She moved there after the genocide and has been part of rebuilding the country serving on presidential committees and panels. I have known her since 1991 when we did a DTS in Santiago, Chile. Her kids are now grown and married. She is from Rwanda herself and was displaced and raised in Uganda and lived in Kenya. And she has an amazing story about how God can use our brokenness to transform the lives of others. She is serving in great areas of influence.

MARY KAMANZI

Thank you so much. It is so good to see you. Those are good memories of Chile. God has been very gracious as time has moved on. My husband Methode and I moved to Rwanda in 1994 immediately after the genocide. We are both Rwandans but I was born and raised in Uganda and later moved to Kenya. I was born in a refugee camp. My husband came from Rwanda to Kenya when he was 3 years old and also grew up in a refugee camp. Rejection is very much in our story.



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We grew up in a foreign land and we were given all kinds of ugly names. God has given us the grace to release forgiveness and work out our salvation in fear and trembling.

This morning I am glad to be in your midst. I am humbled and grateful for the invitation. I have a PowerPoint to share with you.

I will be sharing about Transformative Leadership. During the genocide in Rwanda my family and I were in Kenya. We watched and looked at some of the stories and knew that some of the people who had been slaughtered were our own family and our hearts were broken. We understood we were going to be part of the story of rebuilding Rwanda. We had a difficult beginning and complicated upbringing. So when God said this it was easy for us to doubt and indeed we did doubt. But, it is never about us it is always about God.

I want to submit to you that God is always looking for people to be used for change, to be submitted as leaders ready for His use. Are you among them?

When God is starting a project he always looks for a man to use. When God decided to rescue humanity from the flood He called Noah – Genesis 6. When He wanted to start a holy nation He called Abram – Genesis 12. When He wanted to free Israel from Egypt He called Moses – Exodus 3. When God wants to do something great he first looks for a person. Others He used include Nehemiah, Esther, Mary, and Joseph.

How does change happen?

- 1) If you want to bring change look for a person to lead it
- 2) There will never be a change (in a church, community or nation) if there is no leader in charge – as it has been said everything rises and falls on its leadership
- 3) God is always looking for people to bring change. Leaders who are ready to be surrendered, to be used to bring transformation and change to the nations. He is looking for you and me.

Qualities of Leaders that God uses

Let's read Deuteronomy 17:14-20 to find the characteristics of leaders God uses. There are seven:

- 1) A leader who has been chosen by God (vs 15)
 - Not about talents/outward appearance/man's approval. It is about God's call/God's chosen.
- 2) A leader chosen from God's people (vs 15)
 - People who belong to the kingdom of God. It is not about expertise/competence/gifting, but about whom they belong to.



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- 3) A leader who is not looking for his own glory at the expense of his people (vs 16)
 - Someone who is not looking for cars, houses etc. (a heart running after material things)
 - Lays down rights and serves God wholeheartedly
- 4) A leader who is not governed by sex and other physical addictions (many wives)
 - Our hearts look for something to soothe our pain/brokenness; if we don't run to God our hearts can lead us to false healing in other things. Remember God is the True Healer.
- 5) A leader who is not driven by greed for wealth and possessions (gold and silver)
- 6) A leader who reads and obeys the Word of God in every detail/aspect of life
- 7) A leader who does not consider himself superior to other

As a leader we need to consider our:

- Character – who are we on the inside? Are we coming to God and admitting our shortcomings?
- Attitude – this is character that is projected externally. It points to places God needs to / is working on within us
- Skills – we need skills to be able to do things. Without skills our heart may be broken but we might fail to minister to the deep needs of the people we are called to
- Experience – we need to learn from experienced people and acquire experience ourselves. Both positive and negative experiences matter to shape us into the leaders we are supposed to be. God can use both our good and bad experiences to minister to others.

Read Exodus 3:7-10

1. Find the driving verbs of that paragraph. What led God to do something about the plight of his people? What does God promise to do?
 - o God says, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt." God sees and when he sees he acts. He acted by raising Moses who he had been preparing to fulfill this. Over the years God is preparing you too my brothers and sisters for His own project/mission/purpose.
 - o God says, "I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers"
 - o God says, "I am concerned about their suffering." When God sees the misery of His people he is concerned and out of that concern He DOES SOMETHING. He doesn't just sit back with arms folded.

To see, to hear and to be concerned are the three motivators for action! A true leader must see, hear and know the situation his people are in, and that will call him into action.



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When we were hearing about the people in Rwanda who were dying/being slaughtered we couldn't just sit and hear the news. We felt a drive to do something. It is very dangerous to be a leader who doesn't see (when walking through the base, community and nation). It is dangerous not to hear the cry of the people and not to be concerned about the suffering of the people.

But what action should we take?

Many YWAM-mers in Africa are poor. I am concerned and I am praying and I am wrestling over this. Part of the problem isn't just YWAM-mers but generally our nation. When I came to YWAM I was told my support will come from family (who were all refugees), my friends (who were all like me), my church (my pastor had just said "wonderful you are done with education, maybe you will get a good job and support our church!").

2. Apply the same verbs in our communities
 - o What would God say looking at your communities?
 - o What is He telling you He is going to do?

As Edwin said I worked with children. I wanted to work with young children 3-4 year olds and work in discipleship. That is what God showed me and you need to do the same for your communities. I knew that God would rebuild this nation as we worked in the area of unity and reconciliation. Rwanda has a great story. Now people are living together and working together with no revenge. An amazing miracle of God, and also because of the commitment of the leaders/ those governing at the time.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." – Hebrews 13:7

The common denominator of all growing ministries is leadership that is NOT AFRAID TO BELIEVE GOD

God uses the person who has a dream

1. Nothing happens until someone STARTS DREAMING
2. A ministry never outgrows THE VISION OF THE MINISTER
3. You cannot delegate FAITH IN GOD
4. Goals are STATEMENTS OF FAITH
 - o "If your goals are good, you will be respected" (Proverbs 11:27)
5. **Ask: What would I Attempt for God if I KNEW I COULD NOT FAIL?**
6. Ephesians 3:20 "God is able to do far more than we could ever dare to ask or even dream of; infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes."

Two common mistakes in goal setting

1. We set them TOO LOW
2. We try to reach them TOO QUICKLY
 - Example of plan to set up an orphanage on her base. There was question of who would be responsible for the children. The couple (older couple) said they would. I asked them to fill out a new staff commitment form. They had two years left. I said they had to fill out a commitment form for 18 years. I told them they could not bring children on the base and be their mother and father for only 2 years. In the end it didn't work. The man unfortunately passed on and the woman relocated back home. We could have planned to bring them quickly to the base to care for them for 2 years. But children have a long life to live and we shouldn't have standards



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lower than God's. They deserve a family of their own. I said I would mobilize Rwandan families to adopt them. It is a long journey and we must be patient.

What to consider when setting growth goals

1. Consider CASE (shared earlier)
2. How LONG do I intend to STAY? How committed am I?
3. How many people and who LIVES IN OUR AREA?
4. What are MY SPIRITUAL AND OTHER GIFTS?

Consider This Prayer

1. **Stop praying: Lord bless MY PLANS, instead pray: Help me to do WHAT YOU ARE BLESSING**
2. GOD USES THE PERSON WHO IS WILLING TO RISK FAILURE...
 - a. If it doesn't work at least you have tried! Think of Peter stepping out of the boat! He had an experience the other disciples didn't have.
 - b. You will fail at some point, don't be paralyzed by fear of failure
 - c. "They risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" – Acts 15:26
3. Think of Matthew 25 (the parable of the talents) – "unfaithful" means UNWILLING TO RISK..
 - a. God will call you to places of risk and will confront your fear
 - b. The one servant who buried his talent was afraid of his master – he hid his talents and the master called him **unfaithful**

Goals based on Faith Not Fear

1. Goals should be based on what we believe GOD CAN DO not what we think we can do
2. You haven't really believed God until you've LIVED IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU ARE BOUND TO FAIL WITHOUT HIM
3. GOD USES THE PERSON WHO EXPECTS TO BE USED. "According to your faith it will be done to you" – Matthew 9:2
4. Never let an impossible situation intimidate you, LET IT MOTIVATE YOU
5. Satan's favorite words are: YOU CAN'T DO IT
6. Today's impossible problem is tomorrow's miracle...
7. Expect people to help you! (We need others!)
8. Big thinking ATTRACTS BIG THINKERS
9. God USES THE PERSON WHO NEVER GIVES UP
 - Consider Luke 9:62 – "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom"
 - Be encouraged by the perseverance of many YWAM-mers around the world
10. Great people are just ordinary people who REFUSE TO GIVE UP
11. You are never a failure until YOU GIVE UP
 - You learn lessons that may be painful but they are helpful. Don't give up too soon.
12. Consider Proverbs 24:16 – "Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again."
 - Even as a man or woman of character and righteousness you will fail, but don't give up! It shouldn't depress/discourage you.

How do Humility and Big Goals Go Together?

Know that as a leader:

1. You will be CRITICISED UNJUSTLY
 - People would say to me "Oh you are working for the government" but I am actually working for the KINGDOM. I just show the government that the church has a story. I want to mix with people and show them how BIG our God is. When you have big



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- goals, stay humble and don't act in hurt when you meet criticism
- 2. You will have problems that are solvable only through prayer
- 3. You'll make mistakes
- 4. The dream will be so big, you are bound to fail unless GOD DOES A MIRACLE
- 5. Others will take credit for your work!
 - You may pour yourself out and find others take credit for it. Be willing for this. Humility is important for being able to accomplish many things.
- 6. Grace – GOD CHOOSING YOU AND USING YOU
 - He knows how He has made you and wired you and everything you are able to do is by His grace. In Rwanda I was invited to speak at a big women's conference with the First Lady as a guest of honor. There was a lot of pressure on me. The media was there. There were so many big people I had never been around. As I went to speak, I was speechless. I learnt that day that without grace we can do nothing. Normally I can speak for 30 minutes. That day I spoke for 10 minutes and couldn't speak any more. I was so aware of myself and my fear. I learnt that I am not a stadium speaker! And also understood it is about God's grace in choosing and using us
- 7. Faith – What are you expecting God to do in your ministry?
- 8. The one thing we have control over is HOW MUCH WE HAVE FAITH IN GOD
 - 2 Chronicles 16:9 – “For the eyes of the Lord go this way and that, through all the earth, letting it be seen that he is the strong support of those whose hearts are true to him.”
 - Acts 13:36 – “David did God's will during the time he lived. Then he died and was buried like all his ancestors.”

Personal application

1. What would you attempt for God if you had the resources and knew you couldn't fail?
2. What would be the first steps you would take to reach that goal?

I want to encourage you, go out there and dream His dreams. Ask Him to get you involved to what He is already blessing. His eyes are on the least, hurting and the lost. When you step out to work amongst them He is going to support you.

I wanted to just share the PEACE Plan I am involved with. A vision Pastor Rick Warren started. PEACE stands for:

- Promote reconciliation
- Equip Servant Leaders
- Assist the poor
- Care for the sick
- Educate the next generation

The plan is where you get into a community and look. Where are relationships broken? Where is there spiritual emptiness I need to address? Where are leaders serving themselves rather than the people – where can I help/confront? How do we help the poor come out of poverty and have dignity? How about the sick? And the people that can't read or write, what do we do about that? How can we act?

God bless you!

*****TECHNICAL ISSUES*****



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EDWIN

Let's take a 5 minute break before our last session.

*****BREAK*****

GRAHAM (ywam Muizenberg)

Thank you Edwin for what you and the team have put together. It's amazing to see Mary, they were our leaders in our DTS. It is my privilege to introduce to you our next speaker. Johann Berkes. He holds a PhD, worked in business, and was also a pastor. He is a CEO of a great ministry in South Africa – In Harmonie. He loves working in the liminal space, asking God about and discovering all the truth of Romans 8. I'd like to say that he is anchored in God, is a great dad with 2 kids, a friend, a lot of fun to be with and a great teacher. It's great to have you with us this morning we look forward to hear what God has put on your heart.

JOHANN BERKES

I'm going to jump in. It is a privilege to be with people from all over the world. I am aware of the impact that YWAM is making. It is one of my favorite groupings of Christians around the world. I want to share quickly. Thank you for Mary it was a privilege to hear her. I am becoming more aware of all the interesting people God is using throughout the world.

I'd like to share this video clip with you about the journey of In Harmonie. We did some research in the first 5 years, one thing that became clear is that the Lord spoke about us and we are so grateful that we can testify of what He has done. I want to share the process of that with you. Before we start please pray this prayer with me.

Prayer – Litany of In Harmonie

About In Harmonie

We've developed a process of the In Harmonie Journey – Rooted in Romans 8

1. Context
2. Disharmony – talks about how creation groans, and the frustration in believers and non-believers and how the Holy Spirit groans with us
3. Harmony – talks about how the current suffering is nothing in comparison to the glory that is coming. In heaven we will be in total harmony but we also see moments of harmony here on earth (nothing can separate us from His love).
4. Change – even though we are in Christ we can live/walk in the flesh or the spirit. The fruit of the flesh is death. The fruit of the spirit is life, vitality, peace.
5. Rest – we can live as more than conquerors in Christ Jesus our lord. We suggest practices of Rest, Restoration and Reconciliation.

That is the broad idea of today.



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Context

Romans 8:1-4

- The in-Christ life/idea – doesn't mean it is always easy, or positive but if we are in-Christ we will look at our external and internal context in a different way. I think we are currently in a liminal space.
- Pioneer Anthropologist Arnold van Gennep studied the NDembu tribe – they separating the boys, who entered a liminal space and are later re-integrated as men.
 - Separation // Liminality // Reintegration
- I believe this time is a liminal space – moving from one state of being into another, or from one space to another. An in-between space.

“Liminal space – a particular spiritual position where human beings hate to be, but where the biblical God is always leading them forward.” Richard Rohr

- Think of people in the Bible who were in the liminal space: Abraham, the Israelites, Joseph in the pit, Jonah in the whale, Mary, the disciples in the upper room.

Liminal spaces never take us back only forward. As we live in this liminal space we are reflecting, thinking, consulting and praying. We are trying to tune in to what the Spirit is doing/where the spirit is blowing. Don't run from this uncomfortable time of liminality. It invites us all to discover the essentials we may well have lost touch with, to have our eyes opened to recognize the Lord in our midst in a new way. To see God, ourselves, others, and the world through new eyes.

In short: It is a time for intimate emotions and dangerous questions.

*****TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY*****

We have all been exposed in this time not necessarily to the virus but by the virus. What is underneath the surface? COVID is exposing our addiction to comfort, our obsession with control and our compulsion...

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Our secret lies, our hidden lusts. It is calling everything into question. How do we love despite risk? How do we plan despite uncertainty? I just want to just share this poem:

*Corona is exposing me
 My mindless numbing
 My endless scrolling
 My careless words
 My fragile nerves
 We have been exposed
 Our junk laid bare
 Our fears made known
 The band-aid torn
 The masquerade done
 So what now? What's left behind?
 Clean hands
 Clear eyes
 Tender hearts
 What corona reveals
 God can heal
 Come Lord Jesus
 Have mercy on us*



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The Human Condition

We can say we are in Christ (our identity), but I believe each one of us believes one of these lies, we each have our temptation

Lies we believe:

Consider Luke 4 and Matthew 4 and the temptation of Jesus (in brackets)

- I am what I have – security and survival – focus on possessions (stone into bread)
- I am what I do – power and control – desire for power (pinnacle of the temple)
- I am what others say/think of me – affection and esteem – desire for prestige (mountain)

The invitation is to become more and more like Christ, and to do less of the sinful behavior e.g. thinking we are what we do. In essence we are in Christ and are called to grow deeper into Christ.

In normal circumstances, for most of us finding quiet amidst the pace of daily life is a difficult task. With the global pause button being pressed many of us have been forced to find the quiet. In the quiet we have been faced with new questions, doubts, fears, parts of ourselves that we have forgotten or have chosen to ignore, uncertainty etc.

We ask ourselves questions – who am I? What is normal? Do we just go back to how things were? This is an opportunity to create a new normal and new picture of normal.

Leaders are people who learn from reflection on experience. The temptation is after a crisis is to go back to “normal”. This is an invitation – a time to discover what is my calling? What should I spend my life on?

The main purpose of taking time out is to re-orientate our center, ourselves, in our true identity. It is from here that we are placed to make decisions and choices about the bigger picture of our lives – our vocation, our leadership, and our relationships. These are questions that only we can answer for ourselves. To answer these questions we need to extract the real wisdom from our experience. On the basis of this wisdom, we can then make the choices we need to make. Hopefully we can also develop a different pattern to our lives, a more centered way of living – that brings our deeper values, gifts and identity to the choices, views and acts of everyday life.

Will we open ourselves up to be changed/formed into Christ-likeness in this liminal space? Or not?

How do we do that on a practical level?

IN HARMONIE GR8 Question

Jesus ministered to people many times through questions. I wonder in this liminal space time could it be that the Spirit is coming to us through/with a question? Think about the past 3-4 months – are there any recurring questions? Any questions that aren't leaving you? It could be what is next? What does the future hold? Will I be okay? Will we survive? Will we be safe? I wonder about...? So if for a few moments you can write down what that question/what those questions are?

I think it is important as a leader to go to that question. To ask, “when we come back to ‘normal’, what is that new normal and how do we get ready for it?”

An exercise

- Write down your question.
- Why is that question important?



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For example in my case : why is it important to feel valuable and competent? (I believed the lie that I was what I did and those things made me feel competent). It all came down to feeling valuable and competent in the eyes of God. Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit am I valuable to you? Am I good enough? Am I valuable enough for you to work through me?

Stay close to your question(s). Bring it(them) to God. He already knows the questions, but the idea of sharing the questions with him is to give Him access to your life. It might be because you rejoice in Him that He gave you that question. It might be more than one question. So what is your GR8 question?

It might be helpful for you to think about where you are in transition. Change happens on the outside but transition happens on the inside. Some of us start out with anxiety – can I cope? Some people are happy – a change finally! For some it is fearful – what will be the impact? For some it is threatening. Others sense guilt- did I do enough? For some it will be depression – who am I? Is it worth staying in this call? For some they stay in denial – change, what change?? Others will continue to work in the same way as before – we’ll make it work. Some will have gradual acceptance. Some of you have already started moving forward.

Whatever it may be, for example if you are in guilt, it might be worth talking to God about it. Or if it's fear talking to God about what you are afraid of.

*****BREAKOUT SESSION 7 MINUTES*****

Share your questions in groups where you are and ask one another what is important. Remember this is not a guilt trip/time to judge one another. There is no right or wrong, this is an opportunity to reflect.

JOHANN

I am at the end of my conversation. GR8 questions out of Romans 8 include: Who am I? Who am I becoming? If I continued doing what I was doing in the last 3-4 months I would have burnt out, struggled in relationships and in my health. So it has been a good time of reflecting on who I am becoming. Am I becoming like Christ? Thank you.

EDWIN

We are meeting tomorrow at 9am. We will continue talking in this area of transformational leadership. One of our speakers will be sharing on cross-cultural leadership. I would love for the guys from YWAM Nampula in Mozambique to pray for us. Victor can you just share what God is doing in your group because you have been journeying in the past few weeks, and just pray for us.

VICTOR, YWAM NAMPULA

It has been wonderful for us. Our team has been blessed in the last few weeks of this encounter and we have loved every single session. The time we are having now on the base is a time of asking questions. Nampula is a hotspot of COVID 19 here in Mozambique, we have been locked down on the base. We have been asking questions. What does God want us to do? What is He telling us? There is a need and we aren't able to do anything. What are we supposed to do? I'm just thinking about the teaching about coming down to zero. God has been changing us. Who are we in this time of not being able to reach people, even as we see them at the gate? We are asking Holy Spirit to fill us, because we believe He has something for us. We are saying, "Confirm who we are as Your children and how You want to use us for Your glory."

Closing prayer